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1. The political objective of the Ho Chi Minh forces attack in the Dong Trieu area was to establish prestige in the mining regions east of Hanoi. The military objective of the attack was to cut Route Coloniale 5 (Hanoi-Haiphong) and to raise the combat efficiency of Ho Chi Minh troops after the Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen offensive.
2. Ho Chi Minh forces now hope to receive sufficient arms from Hainan in order to launch an attack in the Phu Ly-Nam Dinh area concurrent with a northern operation which would block French withdrawal to the south.
3. The Hanoi Front under Khuat Duy Tien, President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee in Hanoi, includes the 12 Guerrilla Battalion under Ma Giap and the 204 Military Intelligence Battalion under Nguyen Van Kha in addition to the Cong An (Security Police). When Ho Chi Minh forces are in a position to launch an attack on Hanoi, the Cong An plans to attack the City Defense Committee created by Nguyen Huu Tri, ex-Governor of North Viet Nam. A general strike will be launched at the same time by the Fifth column under Ng yen (Thu), former chief of the Tinh Bao (independent military intelligence organization attached to the High Command).
4. Nguyen Dinh Thai*, the recently appointed Director of the Viet Nam Surete in Hanoi, is attempting to purge the Surete of all Dai Viet elements. Nguyen Van Tun, head of the Political Bureau of the Surete, is more moderate in his attitude toward the Dai Viet. The Dai Viet is placing its partisans in the Garde Civile and in the Bac Ninh military schools and is also attempting to engineer a general strike among the provincial Surete chiefs.

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